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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of determining position using a global position satellite (GPS) signal, comprising:
 - receiving at a receiver a first GPS signal from a first GPS satellite at a first position of the first GPS satellite;
 - receiving at the receiver a second GPS signal from the first GPS satellite at a second position of the first GPS satellite; and
 - determining a position of the receiver using the first and second GPS signals,
 - determining the position of the receiver comprising measuring pseudo ranges from the first and second GPS signals, and estimating the position of the receiver using differences of ~~every two~~ a plurality of pairs of immediately consecutive psuedo ranges.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving at the receiver a third GPS signal from the first GPS satellite at a third position of the first GPS satellite.
3. (Original) The method of claim 2, further comprising using the third GPS signal to determine the position of the receiver.
4. (Original) The method of claim 2, further comprising receiving at the receiver a fourth GPS signal from the first GPS satellite at a fourth position of the first GPS satellite.
5. (Original) The method of claim 4, further comprising using the fourth GPS signal to

determine the position of the receiver.

6. (Original) The method of claim 4, further comprising using the third and fourth GPS signals to determine the position of the receiver.

7. (Original) The method of claim 2, further comprising receiving at the receiver a fourth GPS signal from a second GPS satellite at a first position of the second GPS satellite.

8. (Original) The method of claim 7, further comprising using the fourth GPS signal to determine the position of the receiver.

9. (Original) The method of claim 7, further comprising using the third and fourth GPS signals to determine the position of the receiver.

10. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving at the receiver a third GPS signal from a second GPS satellite at a first position of the second GPS satellite.

11. (Original) The method of claim 10, further comprising using the third GPS signal to determine the position of the receiver.

12. (Original) The method of claim 10, further comprising receiving at the receiver a fourth GPS signal from the second GPS satellite at a second position of the second GPS satellite.

13. (Original) The method of claim 12, further comprising using the fourth GPS signal to determine the position of the receiver.

14. (Original) The method of claim 12, further comprising using the third and fourth GPS

signals to determine the position of the receiver.

15. (Original) The method of claim 10, further comprising receiving at the receiver a fourth GPS signal from a third GPS satellite at a first position of the third GPS satellite.

16. (Original) The method of claim 15, further comprising using the fourth GPS signal to determine the position of the receiver.

17. (Original) The method of claim 15, further comprising using the third and fourth GPS signals to determine the position of the receiver.

18. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the position of the receiver is determined using a time difference related to an elapsed time between the first and second GPS signals.

19. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein position of the receiver is determined according to the following equations:

$$\begin{aligned}\sqrt{(x_1 - x)^2 + (y_1 - y)^2 + (z_1 - z)^2} + c\Delta t &= p_1 \\ \sqrt{(x_2 - x)^2 + (y_2 - y)^2 + (z_2 - z)^2} + c\Delta t &= p_2 \\ \sqrt{(x_3 - x)^2 + (y_3 - y)^2 + (z_3 - z)^2} + c\Delta t &= p_3 \\ \sqrt{(x_4 - x)^2 + (y_4 - y)^2 + (z_4 - z)^2} + c\Delta t &= p_4 \quad \dots\dots(1)\end{aligned}$$

wherein p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4 are the pseudo ranges, c is the speed of light, Δt is a difference between time at a satellite and time at the receiver, $(x_1, y_1, z_1), (x_2, y_2, z_2), (x_3, y_3, z_3)$ and (x_4, y_4, z_4) represent position data received at four different times t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4 : and

$$\begin{aligned}\sqrt{(x_1-x)^2 + (y_1-y)^2 + (z_1-z)^2} - \sqrt{(x_2-x)^2 + (y_2-y)^2 + (z_2-z)^2} &= k_1 \\ \sqrt{(x_2-x)^2 + (y_2-y)^2 + (z_2-z)^2} - \sqrt{(x_3-x)^2 + (y_3-y)^2 + (z_3-z)^2} &= k_2 \\ \sqrt{(x_3-x)^2 + (y_3-y)^2 + (z_3-z)^2} - \sqrt{(x_4-x)^2 + (y_4-y)^2 + (z_4-z)^2} &= k_3 \dots\dots(2)\end{aligned}$$

wherein (x,y,z) are position coordinates of the receiver and

$$\begin{aligned}p_1 - p_2 &= k_1, \text{ a constant;} \\ p_2 - p_3 &= k_2, \text{ a constant; and} \\ p_3 - p_4 &= k_3, \text{ a constant.}\end{aligned}$$

20. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for determining position using a global position satellite (GPS) signal, comprising:

a receiver for receiving a first GPS signal from a first GPS satellite at a first position of the first GPS satellite and receiving a second GPS signal from the first GPS satellite at a second position of the first GPS satellite; and

a processor for determining a position of the receiver using the first and second GPS signals, wherein when the processor determines the position of the receiver using the first and second GPS signals from the first GPS satellite, the processor measures pseudo ranges from the first and second GPS signals and estimates the position of the receiver using differences of ~~every two~~ a plurality of pairs of immediately consecutive psuedo ranges.

21. (Original) The apparatus of claim 20, wherein the receiver receives a third GPS signal from the first GPS satellite at a third position of the first GPS satellite:

22. (Original) The apparatus of claim 21, wherein the processor uses the third GPS signal to determine the position of the receiver.

23. (Original) The apparatus of claim 21, wherein the receiver receives a fourth GPS signal from the first GPS satellite at a fourth position of the first GPS satellite.

24. (Original) The apparatus of claim 23, wherein the processor uses the fourth GPS signal to determine the position of the receiver.

25. (Original) The apparatus of claim 23, wherein the processor uses the third and fourth GPS signals to determine the position of the receiver.

26. (Original) The apparatus of claim 21, wherein the receiver receives a fourth GPS signal from a second GPS satellite at a first position of the second GPS satellite.

27. (Original) The apparatus of claim 26, wherein the processor uses the fourth GPS signal to determine the position of the receiver.

28. (Original) The apparatus of claim 26, wherein the processor uses the third and fourth GPS signals to determine the position of the receiver.

29. (Original) The apparatus of claim 20, wherein the receiver receives a third GPS signal from a second GPS satellite at a first position of the second GPS satellite.

30. (Original) The apparatus of claim 29, wherein the processor uses the third GPS signal to determine the position of the receiver.

31. (Original) The apparatus of claim 29, wherein the receiver receives a fourth GPS signal

from the second GPS satellite at a second position of the second GPS satellite.

32. (Original) The apparatus of claim 31, wherein the processor uses the fourth GPS signal to determine the position of the receiver.

33. (Original) The apparatus of claim 31, wherein the processor uses the third and fourth GPS signals to determine the position of the receiver.

34. (Original) The apparatus of claim 29, wherein the receiver receives a fourth GPS signal from a third GPS satellite at a first position of the third GPS satellite.

35. (Original) The apparatus of claim 34, wherein the processor uses the fourth GPS signal to determine the position of the receiver.

36. (Original) The apparatus of claim 34, wherein the processor uses the third and fourth GPS signals to determine the position of the receiver.

37. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for determining position using a global position satellite (GPS) signal, comprising:

a receiver for receiving a first GPS signal from a first GPS satellite at a first position of the first GPS satellite and receiving a second GPS signal from the first GPS satellite at a second position of the first GPS satellite; and

a position calculation unit for determining a position of the receiver using the first and second GPS signals, wherein when the position calculation unit determines the position of the receiver using the first and second GPS signals from the first GPS satellite, the position

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calculation unit measures pseudo ranges from the first and second GPS signals and estimates the position of the receiver using differences of ~~every two~~ a plurality of pairs of immediately consecutive psuedo ranges.

38. (Original) The apparatus of claim 37, further comprising a controller for detecting a number of usable satellites that can be used to determine position.

39. (Original) The apparatus of claim 37, further comprising a stationary measurement request and selection unit for requesting that the user remain stationary during determination of position.

40. (Original) The apparatus of claim 37, wherein the position calculation unit comprises a time difference measurement determiner which requests that the user remain stationary during determination of position if a number of usable satellites is below a threshold.

41. (Original) The apparatus of claim 37, wherein the position calculation unit comprises a time difference measurement calculator which calculates the position by measuring time differences between GPS signals.